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FOR SECRETARY BUTZ

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TAGS: EAGR, GR

SUBJECT: GREEK OFFICIAL REQUESTS MEETING WITH SECRETARY BUTZ

REF: ATHENS 7906 AND 7921

1. DURING VISIT OF EMBREP TO OFFICE OF MINAG SECRETARY GENERAL SISMANIDES TO DISCUSS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, SEC GEN INDICATED DESIRE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY BUTZ WHILE IN ROME. SISMANIDES IS DEPUTY CHIEF OF GOG DELEGATION TO WFC AND WILL BECOME CHIEF ON SECOND OR THIRD DAY AFTER CONFERENCE BEGINS, WHEN AGMIN AND DELEGATION CHIEF CHRISTODOULOU RETURNS TO ATHENS.

2. EMBASSY FEELS THAT ANY SUCH CONTACT WITH SENIOR GOG OFFICIALS IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND COULD HELP DEFROST PRESENT COOLNESS IN GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY WE URGE SECRETARY BUTZ ACCEPT SIMANIDES' REQUEST SHOULD HE MAKE AN APPROACH.

3. COMMENT: SISMANIDES MIGHT RAISE POSSIBILITY U.S. LONG-TERM LOW-INTEREST CREDIT TO GOG TO PURCHASE U.S. GRAIN. (FEW WEEKS AGO HE INFORMALLY RAISED QUESTION WITH EMBOFFS, INCLUDING AGATT. AT THAT TIME HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH A REQUEST OFFICIALLY, SO HIS DISCUSSION WOULD BE ONLY EXPLORATORY.

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